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We are the last item on a long Sept. 14th CON agenda , so in the interest of time I thought I'd ask if you had any questions or concerns before the meeting.

Last summer Select Specialty Hospital received CON approval to open a long-term acute care hospital within a BJC hospital. These specialized facilities care for very sick patients who face long recoveries. At the next CON meeting we will ask the Committee for our first official extension. We hope to get your support for this.

Why are we delayed? We are still awaiting a federal approval which is required to be able to accept Medicare.

Nothing else stands in our way. Financing is in place, and local approvals, like zoning, aren't required. The space in our hospital just needs minor modifications. The only delay is the federal process, and it's just slow. There have been cutbacks at the federal agency responsible for this service, so they are busy, and to be fair, this is a small and irregular part of their responsibilities.

There is continued progress. The last feedback came a few weeks ago when the agency asked for clarity between legal corporate names and the names used on hospitals. This indicates to us that they are beyond substantive questions and are working on the administrative details needed for approval. We think we are close.

Please call or email with any questions and I'll make sure you get the right information.

P.S. For your convenience, attached is the form we sent requesting the extension--it's already on-line and in your packet.

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